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## AMENDMENTS

### In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mat for use on a substantially flat floor surface comprising:  
at least one layer of a material having a bottom surface and a top;  
wherein the bottom surface has at least one recession therein, the recession having an opening;

wherein the recession is operative to reduce movement of the layer when the opening is in contact with the floor surface; and

wherein at least a portion of the recession is cylindrical;

wherein a first recession has a width of about 0.75 inches and a depth of about 0.04 inches; and

wherein a second recession has a width of about 1.0 inch and a depth of about 0.063 inches.

2. (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said material is rubber or plastic

3. (Canceled)

<sup>3</sup>  
~~4~~ (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said at least one recession is located on at least one of a plurality of straight rows on said bottom surface and wherein said plurality of straight rows are parallel to each other.

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~~4~~ 5. (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 1 further comprising a second layer and wherein a top surface of said second layer is bonded with a third layer selected from the group consisting of yarn, carpet, and fabric.

~~5~~ 6. (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said mat further comprises a first and second layer of said material, each layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface of said first layer being bonded to the bottom surface of said second layer.

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~~6~~ 7. (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim ~~4~~ wherein said mat further comprises a bottom layer, wherein a top surface of the bottom layer is bonded to a bottom surface of the second layer.

~~7~~ 8. (Original) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein said mat comprises two or more layers of material each of said layers consisting of a different material.

~~8~~ 9. (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim ~~8~~ wherein each of said layers consists of a different variety of rubber having varying flexibilities.

~~9~~ 10. (Original) The mat as described in Claim ~~7~~ wherein said bottom layer consists of a rubber compound having a lower durometer reading than said top layer.

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<sup>10</sup>  
~~11.~~ (Original) The mat as described in Claim ~~10~~<sup>9</sup> wherein said bottom layer has a durometer reading of less than 45 units and said top layer has a durometer reading of more than 75 units.

<sup>11</sup>  
~~12.~~ (Original) The mat as described in Claim ~~10~~<sup>9</sup> wherein the durometer reading of said bottom layer is at least 25 durometer units less than said top layer.

<sup>12</sup>  
~~13.~~ (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 2 wherein said material of at least one layer is impregnated with anti-bacterial materials.

<sup>13</sup>  
14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

<sup>14</sup>  
~~16.~~ (Previously Presented) A process for producing a mat according to Claim ~~10~~<sup>9</sup>, comprising the steps of:

supplying the first layer of material;  
press molding the first layer of material;  
supplying the second layer of material; and  
laminating said first layer and said second layer of material; and  
curing said mat.

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~~14~~ (Previously Presented) The process for producing a mat according to Claim ~~10~~,<sup>13</sup> further comprising the step of pricking said first layer and said second layer.

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~~15~~ (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim 1 wherein a first recession has a different diameter than a second recession.

19. (Cancelled).

~~16~~ (Previously Presented) The mat as described in Claim ~~4~~<sup>3</sup> wherein said plurality of straight rows comprise alternating rows of a first recession having a first diameter and rows of a second recession having a second diameter.

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